United Nations S/2008/21

Security Council

Distr.: General
15 January 2008
English
Original: French

Letter dated 15 January 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to my note of 31 December 2007, I should like to take this opportunity to deny the Sudanese allegations that have sought to portray Chad as an aggressor against the Sudan, when in fact the Government of that neighbouring country is disregarding its commitments with respect to dialogue, peace and security, particularly those contained in the Tripoli Agreement of 8 February 2006 and the Riyadh Agreement of 3 May 2007. Accordingly, my Government categorically denies the false allegations put forward by the Sudan, which come as no surprise, considering that the authorities of that country have not matched their actions to their words. I need not recall the details contained in our various letters addressed to the Security Council, from December 2005 to the present, highlighting the facts and the acts of aggression and destabilization committed by the Sudan against Chad; the last such note was dated 31 December 2007. If necessary, a chronology of events can be transmitted to you shortly. Moreover, Chad has the right to defend itself under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations on the inherent right of self-defence, which is applicable in the current instance.

It should be stressed that, despite the commitments it has undertaken, the Sudanese Government has never stopped organizing and arming hostile groups in its territory for the purpose of destabilizing Chad, not to mention the collateral effects, with thousands of Darfur refugees and Chadian displaced persons in eastern Chad. The Sudan is determined and secretly plotting to use every possible means to install a compliant regime in N'Djamena prior to the deployment of the European Union operation (EUFOR) and to resolve its internal crisis in Darfur by making Chad a victim.

In these circumstances, Chad cannot continue to wait indefinitely, and is only exercising its legitimate right to defend itself.

In any event, Chad does not commit acts of aggression or destabilization, does not violate its commitments and does not harbour any Sudanese rebels, contrary to what the Sudanese Government has said and done. Chad continues to respect its commitments under the above-mentioned agreements. It has no interest in attacking a neighbouring country and wants only to live in peace within its internationally recognized borders and with its neighbours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mahamat Ali **Adoum**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

08-20841 (E) 150108 150108